

THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RECREATION COMMISSION

April 1, 2008

The regular meeting of the Public Recreation Commission was held on April 1, 2008 at 4:00pm at the Oakley Community Center with the following members present: Ms. Driehaus and Messrs. Fultz, Smith, and Moeddel with Ms. Driehaus presiding. Staff in attendance: Mmes. Simmons, Shannon, and Barnes and Messrs. Merrifield, Koopman, Bigham, Thomas, Celsor, Williams, and Pierson.

Ms. Driehaus thanked Greg Pierson and the Oakley Staff for hosting the Commission meeting at the Oakley Community Center.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Driehaus turned the meeting over to Dr. Merrifield for the election of officers.

Dr. Merrifield opened the floor to accept nominations for the office of President of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Ms. Driehaus, to nominate Kazava Smith for the office of President for a term on one year and until the election and qualification of his successor.

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Ms. Driehaus, to close the nominations for President of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.

Motion passed.

There being no further nominations, Rev. Smith was elected President of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission by acclamation.

Dr. Merrifield opened the floor to accept nominations for the office of Vice President of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. Ms. Driehaus moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to nominate Michael J. Moeddel for the office of Vice President for a term of one year and until the election and qualification of his successor.

Ms. Driehaus moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to close the nominations for Vice President of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.

Motion passed.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Moeddel was elected Vice President of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission by acclamation.

Rev. Smith assumed the chair.

Rev. Smith recognized Ms. Driehaus for her outstanding leadership and dedication to the Department of Recreation.

MINUTES

Ms. Driehaus moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2008 Public Recreation Commission meeting as submitted.

Motion passed.

BID

Staff recommends that Commission approve the low bid of Wayne Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$53,000.00 for the demolition of the pool and shelter building at English Woods. Demolition of the pool and shelter building at English Woods will include furnishing all materials, labor, equipment and performing all work necessary to demolish the pool and shelter building at English Woods.

Mr. Koopman advised that we have used this contractor in the past and he has done good work for us. Dr. Merrifield asked if we have any activities at this location. Mr. Bigham answered that we do not. There is a baseball field that the neighborhood children play on but we no longer have CRC sponsored activities at this location.

Ms. Driehaus moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the low bid of Wayne Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$53,000.00 for the demolition of the pool and shelter building at English Woods.

Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Article in the *Indiana Alumni Magazine*

The Indiana University School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation recognized eight graduates during its annual awards ceremony in the Grand Hall of the Neal Marshall Black Culture Center. CRC Director, Dr. Norman

C. Merrifield, was one of these graduates. Dr. Merrifield was a recipient of the W.W. Patty Distinguished Alumni Award. This item was received for filing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Merrifield reported that he and staff will be attending a number of neighborhood meetings. Jeff Koopman will be presenting the pool plan to the neighborhoods involved in upcoming renovations. They would like to meet with all of the neighborhoods involved within the next few months. He will keep Commissioners informed of these meetings.

There was an article in the *Enquirer* this morning about the Chase School/McKie Center situation. The Community wants to adjust the Cincinnati Public School plans for the new school. The neighborhood-created comprehensive plan calls for building the new school directly along Chase Avenue where the recreation center stands now and the school and recreation center sharing services under one roof. The Recreation Commission is expected to foot the cost of its own parts of a combined city-schools building. Dr. Merrifield stated that it is not a negative concept but the problem is that there is no money for this plan. Cincinnati Public Schools administration intends to move forward on planning a new building in June.

Ms. Driehaus asked where the McKie Pool fits into our pool plan. Mr. Koopman advised that it is at least six years away and it is planned to stay a regular pool.

OLD BUSINESS

Request for Major McNeal to Receive Lifetime Golf Privileges

This item was on the March 18, 2008 agenda. At that time the motion was tabled until Mr. McNeal had the opportunity to come in person or send a written explanation as to how his service qualifies him for Lifetime Golf Privileges.

Rev. Smith stated that he has spoken to Major McNeal regarding the incident that was reported to have taken place during the first week in February at the Reeves Golf Course. There is no concrete evidence that Major McNeal represented himself as a Golf Advisory Council Member in order to receive free golf. Major McNeal advised that he had played golf on the day stated with a

touring pro. Mr. McNeil thought that the touring pro had paid for the round of golf. Rev. Smith advised that Major McNeil requested that we show in the records that we are not charging him with falsifying himself and that we would not hold this accusation against him in consideration of receiving Lifetime Golf Privileges.

Rev. Smith stated that the issue before us today is to determine whether Major McNeil qualifies to receive Lifetime Golf Privileges. Mr. Fultz circulated information for Commissioners to review. Mr. Fultz stated that the information included a copy of a free golf coupon for February 14, 2008. Mr. Fultz stated that he sees no reason why Major McNeil should not receive Lifetime Golf Privileges. Mr. Fultz also stated that he has a letter from the Recreation Department's previous Director discussing Lifetime Golf Privileges.

Mr. Fultz made a motion for Major McNeil to receive Lifetime Golf Privileges. There was no second to the motion. Motion failed.

Ms. Driehaus stated that she does not see evidence of Major McNeil's service to justify receiving Lifetime Golf Privileges. Rev. Smith informed Mr. Fultz that it was he (Rev. Smith) who asked for a policy on the granting of Lifetime Golf Privileges a few years ago. Rev. Smith stated that he felt granting Lifetime Golf Privileges was getting out of hand and he believed a guideline was necessary. Rev. Smith further stated that he is going to ask Director Merrifield to obtain policies from other cities in order to see what we need to do to further strengthen our policy. Rev. Smith advised that he has no problem voting for lifetime golf privileges when a person qualifies for them. The original intent for these privileges was to show appreciation for service rendered.

Rev. Smith asked Mr. Fultz not to take it personally and asked him if he had anything further he would like to say. Mr. Fultz packed up and left the meeting.

Fund 105 Transfer Request

Mr. Moeddel was not present at the March 18, 2008 meeting and had questions regarding this item. The item was tabled to the April 1, 2008 meeting.

Mr. Moeddel has discussed this item with Mr. Bigham and has had his questions answered.

Ms. Driehaus moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the transfer of \$350,000.00 from the Golf Fund 105 to an equipment replacement fund.

Motion passed.

Fund 318 Transfer Request

Mr. Moeddel was not present at the March 18, 2008 meeting and had questions regarding this item. The item was tabled to the April 1, 2008 meeting.

Mr. Moeddel has discussed this item with Mr. Bigham and has had his questions answered.

Ms. Driehaus moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the transfer of \$300,000.00 from the Sawyer Point Fund 318 to a capital project fund established by City Council for various repairs to the park based on the capital fundraising campaign.

Motion passed.

Commission Meeting Date/time Change to First Friday of Each Month at 9:00am for One Meeting per Month

Ms. Ingram is unable to attend all meetings on Tuesdays at 4:00pm. At the March 18th meeting there was a suggestion of possible having the first meeting of the month on the first Friday of each month at 9:00am and the second meeting continuing to be held on the third Tuesday at 4:00pm.

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Ms. Driehaus, to have the first Cincinnati Recreation Commission meeting of each month on the first Friday of the month at 9:00am at the Main Office. The second meeting of the month will be held on the third Tuesday at 4:00pm and will be held at one of our facilities. Ms. Schoenig will develop a new schedule for the meetings to be available at the April 15th, 2008 meeting.

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Class/Facility Rental Agreement with Russell Group of Ohio, Inc., d.b.a. Hawaiian Five-OH for use of the 471 Concession Trailer

The major points of this Agreement are:

- The Contractor shall have use of the 471 Concession Trailer for the purpose of vending merchandise.

- The Contractor shall pay to the Recreation Department fifteen percent (15%) of total gross sales.

Ms. Driehaus moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the Class/Facility Rental Agreement with Russell Group of Ohio, Inc., d.b.a. Hawaiian Five-OH for use of the 471 Concession Trailer.

Motion passed.

Class/Facility Rental Agreement with Russell Group of Ohio, Inc., d.b.a. Hawaiian Five-OH for use of the Yeatman's Cove West Concession Stand

The major points of this Agreement are:

- The Contractor shall have use of the Yeatman's Cove West Concession Stand for the purpose of vending merchandise.
- The Contractor shall pay the Recreation Department fifteen percent (15%) of total gross sales.

Ms. Driehaus moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the Class/Facility Rental Agreement with Russell Group of Ohio, Inc., d.b.a. Hawaiian Five-OH for use of the Yeatman's Cove West Concession Stand.

Motion passed.

Class/Facility Rental Agreement with Wheel Fun Rentals for use of the Yeatman's Cove East Concession Stand.

The major points of the Agreement are:

- The Contractor shall have use of the Yeatman's Cove East Concession Stand for the purpose of vending merchandise and renting bicycles.
- The Contractor shall pay to the Recreation Department ten percent (10%) of total gross sales.

Ms. Driehaus moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the Class/Facility Rental Agreement with Wheel Fun Rentals for use of the Yeatman's Cove East Concession Stand.

Motion passed.

Amendment to National City Bank, N.A. Agreement (Otto Armleder Memorial Regional Aquatic Center at Hirsch)

The Recreation Commission entered in to a disbursement agreement with National City Bank, Trustee, to construct the Otto Armleder Memorial Family

Aquatic Center at Hirsch. Due to cost overruns, the new project cost is 2.2 million dollars, \$300,000.00 more than the trust established. The trust has appreciated and the Otto Armleder Memorial Regional Aquatic Center was under budget to allow the trustee to set aside an additional \$300,000.00 to cover the overruns. No tax dollars are necessary.

Ms. Driehaus moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the amendment to the National City Bank, N.A. Agreement (Otto Armleder Memorial Regional Aquatic Center at Hirsch). Mr. Moeddel abstained.

Motion passed.

Field Trips

Ms. Driehaus moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted.

Motion passed.

DISCUSSION

Rev. Smith stated that he feels we need to put something in place regarding the conduct of Commission Members. He asked Director Merrifield to work on this for the Commission.

Rev. Smith again thanked Ms. Driehaus for the fine job and outstanding leadership she has provided as President of the Commission and as a member of the Commission in past years. Mr. Moeddel said that he would like to second Rev. Smith's kind words about Ms. Driehaus. Dr. Merrifield stated that on behalf of staff he would like to thank Ms. Driehaus for her tremendous leadership and advised how impressed he was with the Commissioners when he came for his interview for the position of Director of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.

Ms. Driehaus stated that it has been her pleasure to serve the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and she is confident that Rev. Smith and Mr. Moeddel will do a great job.

COMMISSION MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Recreation Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 4:00pm at the Main Office Boardroom.

Meeting Adjourned.

Kazava Smith, President

Norman C. Merrifield, Ed. D., Director

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